

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An imaging element comprising in order
a support:
a light sensitive image forming unit comprising microcapsules and a
developer:
an inner protective overcoat layer; and
an outer protective overcoat layer.
2. The imaging element of claim 1 wherein the imaging element is
light sensitive and pressure developable.
3. The imaging element of claim 1 wherein the inner protective
overcoat layer has a modulus of less than 3 Gpa.
4. The imaging element of claim 1 wherein the outer protective
overcoat layer has a modulus greater than the modulus of the inner protective
layer.
5. The imaging element of claim 1 wherein the outer protective
overcoat layer has a modulus ratio to the inner protective layer of greater than 1.2.
6. The imaging element of claim 1 wherein the inner protective
overcoat layer comprises a hydrophilic colloid.
7. The imaging element of claim 6 wherein the inner protective
overcoat layer further comprises a cross-linker.
8. The imaging element of claim 6 wherein the inner protective
overcoat layer further comprises a water dispersible resin.
9. The imaging element of claim 6 wherein the inner protective
overcoat layer further comprises a UV absorbing material.

10. The imaging element of claim 1 wherein the outer protective overcoat layer has a modulus of greater than 3 Gpa.

11. The imaging element of claim 1 wherein the outer protective overcoat layer comprises a binder and a lubricant.

12. The imaging element of claim 11 wherein the outer protective overcoat layer further comprises a cross-linker.

13. The imaging element of claim 11 wherein the outer protective overcoat layer further comprises a stiff filler.

14. The imaging element of claim 1 further comprising at least one non-imaging layer comprising a hydrophilic colloid located between the support and the image forming unit.

15. The imaging element of claim 14 wherein the hydrophilic colloid of the non-imaging layer is gelatin.

16. The imaging element of claim 14 wherein the non-imaging layer further comprises a water dispersible resin.

17. The imaging element of claim 14 wherein the non-imaging layer further comprises a cross-linker;

18. The imaging element of claim 1 further comprising an antistatic layer.

19. The imaging element of claim 18 wherein the antistatic layer is on the opposite side of the support from the imaging unit.